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Recovery News

ADDITIONAL DAMAGE FROM AFTERSHOCKS? CONTACT FEMA

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Residents of The Big Island who have registered for earthquake assistance and have sustained additional damage from aftershocks are encouraged to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They may be eligible for additional funds to repair the damage, federal and state officials said.

Homeowners, renters and business owners can call free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** for the hearing and speech impaired, from **6 a.m. to 6 p.m.** (local time) Monday through Friday. Be sure to have your registration number available.

FEMA offers temporary housing assistance and grants and the U.S. Small Business Administration provides low-interest loans for repairs and rebuilding.

Those who have not yet registered for assistance are encouraged to do so right away. The deadline for registering for aid under President Bush's disaster declaration is Friday, December 22, 2006.

Also, if you have already registered and have questions about your application, call the helpline at 1-800-621-3362, with your registration number.

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FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or contact your State Office of Equal Rights. If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs, please contact the fraud hotline at 1-800-323-8603.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

State Civil Defense coordinates state-wide emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation programs for a wide range of natural and human-caused threats and disasters including terrorism. As part Additional Damage, p. 2

of its responsibilities, State Civil Defense manages state and federal grants provided to local communities for disaster recovery and mitigation.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident, initiates mitigation activities and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA works closely with state and local emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters and other first responders. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.